It's Sunday morning, it's 9:45 and you are listening to WUJC , 88.7 FM and that can mean only one thing. It's time once again for the English language portion of the Lithuanian Voice Radio Program. Good morning on this the 29th day of January 1995. A special welcome to the Knights of Lithuania and their families.

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The New York Times reports that now that Russian troops have taken control of the Chechen capital of Grozny by reducing the city to a pile of rubble, the soldiers are proceeding to extract a brutal revenge on Chechen civilians remaining in the city. Residents of the burning city provide tales of marauding soldiers who threaten them with death if they fail to turn over all their possessions. Russian troops, driven to avenge the death of their comrades, have taken to tossing hand grenades into the basements of apartment buildings without even checking to see who is hiding there. Meanwhile, Moscow is counting on $13 billion in western aid, including a $6 billion dollar loan from the International Monetary Fund to plug an expected deficit in the Russian budget for 1995. The more things change, the more they remain the same…

LITHUANIAN-RUSSIAN RELATIONS. Konstantin Zatulin, chairman of the Russian Duma's Committee for CIS Affairs and Relations with Compatriots, said Lithuania's planned deportation of four ex-Soviet activists would lead to a "considerable deterioration" of Russian-Lithuanian relations, especially in the economic sphere. The four ignored a request to leave Lithuania by 22 January. Lithuanian Deputy Foreign Minister Albinas Januska pointed out that the 18 November 1993 agreement granting mutual most-favored-nation trade status made no provisions for its ratification by the respective parliaments. He said Zatulin's suggestion that the Duma would not ratify the agreement if Lithuania went ahead with the deportations should not have any bearing on the agreement. - Saulius Girnius